What does an ethical relationship with the environment look like? In this class we will study two approaches to answering this question. The first looks for intrinsic value in nature, while the second examines how our treatment of the environment impacts other humans. Topics will include environmental aesthetics, animal rights, environmental justice, and climate change. Course texts are lifted from literary, philosophical, and journalistic sources with an emphasis on issues affecting local Birmingham communities.

Previous coursework in philosophy not required.